

Newsletter

of the

Little Rock Duplicate Bridge Club

A Zero Tolerance Club

August 2005

Your Bid and Play

Don Gattinger

Hand 1

VUL: E-W

DLR: South

	♠ J 10 9 8	
	♥ K Q 8	
	♦ 8 5 2	
	♣ A 7 5	
♠ 5 4 3		♠ K 7 2
♥ 7 5 4 3		♥ J 10 9
♦ A 7 6		♦ 4 3
♣ 6 3 2		♣ K Q J 10 9
	♠ A Q 6	
	♥ A 6 2	
	♦ K Q J 10 9	
	♣ 8 4	

How do you think auction should go?

Suggested Auction:

S	W	N	E
1NT	P	2♣	X
2♦	P	3NT	All Pass

Bid Analysis: North has 10 HCP, so knows he wants to be in game. Holding 4 spades, North bids Stayman to find out if they have an 8-card major fit. When the opponents bid Stayman or a transfer bid, you can make a lead directing double which suggests that partner's opening lead is the suit doubled. So East should double 2♣ for a club lead. (The double should usually be based on length AND strength). North has a club stopper, so bids 3NT when South denies holding a 4-card major. Even without a club stopper, North should bid game and hope South had a club stopper.

Your lead?

Suggested opening lead: ♣ 2

Lead analysis: You have no reason not to lead the club that partner requested. As it turns out, if you don't lead a club, it makes 6.

Plan your play.

Play analysis: This is the hold-up play. Do not play ♣ Ace until 3rd lead. If you do, West wins the ♦ Ace, and a club to East gives the defenders 4 clubs and 1 diamond. You have to lead diamonds to get to 9 tricks. (If spade finesse works, you only have 4 spades, 3 hearts, and 1 club). If East has the ♦ Ace and 5 clubs, you can't make the contract. If West has the ♦ Ace and 3 clubs, you make an overtrick. If West has the ♦ Ace and 4 clubs, then you make the contract. If West has the ♦ Ace and 4 clubs and you take the spade finesse before playing diamonds and it loses, then you will go down (you lose 1 spade, 3 clubs, and 1 diamond). Since West would have lead a club when in with the ♦ Ace if he started with 4 clubs, it is safe to take the

OPEN GAMES

MONDAY	11:00 A.M.
MONDAY (0-49) *	7:00 P.M.
TUESDAY	7:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY (0-300)	9:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.
THURSDAY	11:00 A.M.
THURSDAY (0-300) *	7:00 P.M.
FRIDAY	7:00 P.M.
SATURDAY	12:30 P.M.
SUNDAY	1:30 P.M.

* Free mini-lesson at 6:30 p.m.

All games are stratified when possible.

All games are non-smoking.

spade finesse. Use the ♥ King and Queen for transportation. 4♠ also makes, but doesn't score as much. Also, you may have trouble with a bad trump split or spade finesse not working. It makes 3NT, even if spade finesse loses. Should catch 2 spades, 3 hearts, 4 diamonds, and 1 club.

Summary: Contract 3NT by South should catch 10 tricks.

Hand 2

VUL: E-W

DLR: South

♠ Q 9 3 2 ♥ J 8 ♦ 7 ♣ 10 8 7 6 5 2	♠ A 10 6 4 ♥ Q 6 5 ♦ K 8 5 4 ♣ K 3
♠ J 7 5 ♥ 10 7 4 ♦ Q J 10 3 ♣ A 9 4	♠ K 8 ♥ A K 9 3 2 ♦ A 9 6 2 ♣ Q J

How do you think auction should go?

Suggested Auction:

S	W	N	E
1♥	P	2♥	P
3♥	P	4♥	All Pass

Bid Analysis: South stretches to invite game. Who knows what the value of the club doubleton is? Not I—without seeing North's hand! At a minimum it's 14 HCP and 2 doubletons. North should accept invitation with 8+ HCP. This is a poor 8. It may be debatable whether South should invite and North should accept.

Your lead? Suggested opening lead ♦ 7.

Lead analysis: You can trump a diamond if partner has either red Ace.

Plan your play.

Play analysis: South should call trumps. Perfect defense might set this if South guesses wrong in spades. East should not cover diamond. The main reason you cover an honor with an honor is to promote something. Playing the ♦ King at trick 1 only promotes

diamonds in North which can be used for transportation. East should see that the best way to set the contract is for West to catch a spade, so at first opportunity, East leads a low spade before cashing ♠ Ace. South can foil this plan by putting up ♠ King (but this would be wrong play if East had the ♠ Queen and West the ♠ Ace. However, if East had the ♠ Queen, he should not lead a spade). If East doesn't lead a spade, South should finesse in clubs and diamonds and lead a spade from North hand toward South, finessing East for the ♠ Ace. PLAN YOUR PLAY. If South leads a spade from his hand, then must lose 2 spades. Should lose 1 spade, 1 heart, and 1 club.

Summary: 4♥ by South should catch 10 tricks. ♠

Tournament Results

San Antonio Fourth of July Regional, San Antonio, TX

- John Chapman, Wendy Wheeler, & teammates—3/4 in Zip Knockout (16 teams)

MABC July 4th Regional, Alexandria, VA

- David Blanchard & Jo Blanchard—2nd in A/1st in B in Intermediate/Novice Pairs (18 pairs)

North American Bridge Championships, Atlanta, GA (through Tuesday)

- Barbara Blaine & Nancy Tracy—2nd in C in Educational Foundation 300/200/100 Pairs (48 pairs)
- Barbara Blaine, Nancy Tracy, & teammates—3/4 in Bracket 14 Knockout (12 teams)
- Beverly Kinneman & Bill Kinneman—1st in A in 20/50 Pairs (14 pairs); 1st in A in 5/20/50 Pairs (18 pairs); 1st in A in EasyBridge! Pairs (22 pairs)
- Diana Nagel & partner—6th in A/5th in B in 100/200/300 Pairs (30 pairs)
- Allan Siebert & David Siebert—56th in von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs (78 pairs)
- Allan Siebert & teammates—10th in Senior Swiss (44 teams)
- David Siebert & teammates—8th in Senior Swiss (44 teams)
- Virginia Young & partner—3rd in A/2nd in B/1st in C in 5/20/50 Pairs (32 pairs)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																																								
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The Joy of Reaching the Right Contract

David Siebert

Last week I was playing at the Bridge House and my opponents held these hands and I noticed that all North-Souths were minus 50 on the board (except one—they got to 4♠—good for them!).

North
 ♠ K Q x
 ♥ x x
 ♦ K Q x x x x
 ♣ K x

South
 ♠ A x x x
 ♥ x x
 ♦ A J x
 ♣ A Q x x

Most of the pairs arrived at 3NT by the auction 1NT—3NT or by trying to describe a long diamond suit and then reaching 3NT.

My suggestion is to bid the hand this way:

South	North
1NT	2♣
2♠	3♦ ⁽¹⁾
3♠ ⁽²⁾	4♠ ⁽³⁾
Pass ⁽⁴⁾ or 5♦ ⁽⁵⁾	

- (1) Forcing with good diamonds.
- (2) I have a spade stopper but no heart stopper.
- (3) I have no heart stopper and I have 3 spades.
- (4) I am not afraid to play a 4–3 fit.
- (5) I hate playing 4–3 fits (chicken).

Remember bidding this way they are not always looking for slam but just the right contract. But bidding this hand 1NT—3NT is a waste of the few good hands you get in a session.

Isn't bridge a great game? Have a good month. ♥

Master-Novice Three Suit Squeeze

Al Childs

The hand occurred in the June Master-Novice game. Directions of the hands are changed for convenience. I pass in first seat with ♠ K 6, ♥ A 9 8 7 6 5, ♦ K 2, ♣ J 8 3. I like a stronger suit for a weak two bid. In third seat, with ♠ 10 7 5, ♥ J, ♦ A Q J 10 4, ♣ A 9 5 2, partner opens 1♦. RHO bids 1♠, I bid 2♥. Pass by LHO. 3♥ by partner, pass by RHO, and with my 11 HCP playing partner for 6 diamonds I bid 3NT. When I see dummy I think I will need some help to make this one.

	♠ 10 7 5	
	♥ J	
	♦ A Q J 10 4	
	♣ A 9 5 2	
♠ 9 2		♠ A Q J 4 3
♥ 4 3 2		♥ K Q 10
♦ 9 8 7 5		♦ 6 4
♣ 7 6 5		♣ K Q 10
	♠ K 6	
	♥ A 9 8 7 6 5	
	♦ K 2	
	♣ J 8 3	

I won the spade lead, and first I ran my 5 diamond tricks to see what happened. RHO threw the ♥ 10, the ♣ 10, then a spade. I decided she was on a 3-suit squeeze. After running my 5 diamonds, I played ♣ Ace and another club, and waited to take the last 2 tricks. So I took 2 clubs, 1 heart, 1 spade, and 5 diamonds, making 3NT.

I asked partner why bid 3♦. She said she wanted to show 5; I pointed out if she bid clubs it would tend to say that diamonds are longer. Also if you bid freely at the 3-level, it shows a bigger hand.

RHO should make a take-out double with 17 HCP as she can support any unbid suit and by bidding spades later show at least 17 HCP. ♦

August 20 Championship Pairs Game

A one-session game is scheduled for Saturday, August 20, at 12:30 p.m., to determine which pairs will represent our Club at the Unit Pair Championship games.

MAKE TRAVEL PLANS

Check *The Bridge Bulletin* published by the ACBL or www.acbl.org for details on these and other upcoming tournaments.

UPCOMING NATIONALS (NABC)

November 17–27, Denver, CO
March 30–April 9, Dallas, TX

REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS TO CONSIDER

August 8–14, Tulsa, OK
August 15–21, St. Louis, MO
August 30–September 5, Richardson, TX
September 19–25, Tunica, MS
September 30–October 2, Metairie, LA (0–300)
October 24–30, Mobile, AL
October 24–30, Bossier City, LA

NEARBY SECTIONAL TOURNAMENTS

August 4–7, Lake Charles, LA
August 19–21, Huntsville, AL
September 2–5, Birmingham, AL
September 24–25, Fort Worth, TX (0–300)
September 30–October 2, Monroe, LA
September 30–October 2, Tupelo, MS
October 1–2, Muskogee, OK
October 6–9, Moss Point, MS
October 14–16, St. Charles, MO
October 20–23, Nashville, TN
October 21–23, Fort Worth, TX
October 21–23, Oklahoma City, OK
October 28–30, Kimberling City, MO
November 4–6, DeGray, AR

July Board Minutes

Jo Blanchard

July 10, 2005. Margaret Kelly called the meeting to order. The attendees were Jo Blanchard, David Cockcroft, Ann Ferrill, Ruth Gilliam, Rick Lowens, Bobby Morgan, Art Pfeifer, and Bert Turner.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Rick provided a treasurer's report. The net income for June, 2005 is \$841.

NEW BUSINESS:

The board discussed a need for an Education and Recruitment Coordinator position to schedule and

organize periodic classes and create a class calendar to keep by the phone. A survey has been drafted to poll members and former members in order to get feedback and suggestions.

Our landlord will be contacted and asked to place a sign to prohibit the surrounding apartments from using our parking lot spaces.

OLD BUSINESS:

The heat and air thermostats and ceiling fans have been installed. An exit & emergency light was also installed. The board thanked Art for coordinating & monitoring this project.

Our Club's elimination team game is scheduled for September 10. The winning team will represent our Club at the Unit Team Championship games to be held at the DeGray tournament. Posters will be made with the details. A one-session game is tentatively scheduled for August 20 to determine which pairs will represent our Club at the Unit Pair Championship games.

The appreciation party to recognize our working directors was held on June 26th. The board extended its thanks to Norma and Ann (Lewis) for chairing the party. The meeting was adjourned. ♣

2005 Masterpoints Won at the Bridge House

Under 300 at July 27

Total Masterpoints	Name	Points
Less Than 10	Wendy Wheeler	6.46
Less Than 50	Jim Gauntt	24.88
Less Than 100	Linda Goldsmith	30.54
Less Than 300	Bill Jones	75.91

Overall at July 27

Bill Jones	75.91
Peggy Jett	74.55
Ruth Gilliam	67.84
Betsy Berry	64.88
Ann Ferrill	63.29
David Cockcroft	61.19
Jack Tidball	57.35
Helen Abbott	55.26
Norma Campbell	54.24
Edna Savoy	53.16

Unit 161 Mini-McKenney Race

Rookie of the Year: #2 John Chapman, #4 Sandra Crawford, #6 Wendy Wheeler, #7 Richard Kalkbrenner.

Junior Master of the Year: #2 Barbara Blaine, #3 Dave Neuschwanger, #6 Jim Gauntt, #9 Marion Belew.

Club Master of the Year: #2 Gwen Briscoe, #3 Sheila Mehaffy, #4 Sherry Wortsmith, #6 Somers Collins, #9 Missy McCain.

Sectional Master of the Year: #1 Bill Jones, #5 Fran Cockcroft.

Regional Master of the Year: #2 Bert Turner, #8 Art Pfeifer, #9 Curtis Finch.

NABC Master of the Year: #2 Ann Lewis, #8 Diane Lord, #9 Jane Teed.

Life Master of the Year: #4 Kay Loss.

Silver Life Master of the Year: #5 David Cockcroft, #3 Ann Ferrill, #7 Gerald Koonce.

Gold Life Master of the Year: #4 Bonnie Melchior, #10 Peggy Jett.

Diamond Life Master of the Year: #2 Dane Clay, #3 Ann Clay.

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